Overview

This bill allows the Board of Podiatric Medicine to extend the validity of a temporary permit to practice podiatric medicine in certain cases. The Board is currently authorized to issue temporary permits to podiatrists participating in clinical residencies, and under current law such permits are valid for twelve months.

1  **Temporary permit.** Amends § 153.16, subd. 3. Allows a temporary permit issued to a podiatrist who is participating in a clinical residency to be extended by the Board if (1) the applicant submits evidence that the training was interrupted by circumstances beyond the applicant's control and the program sponsor agrees to the extension; (2) the applicant is continuing in a residency that lasts for more than one year; or (3) the applicant is continuing in a residency that lasts for more than two years. Also clarifies that podiatrists with temporary permits practice under direct supervision only.

2  **Practice of podiatric medicine defined.** Amends § 153.17. Makes a technical change to the definition of the practice of podiatric medicine.

3  **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 and 2 effective the day following final enactment.